

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

STARELLEN CARTER,

Plaintiff,

No. 18-13824

v.

District Judge Gershwin A. Drain  
Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen

CITY OF FERNDAL, ET AL.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER FOR MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT**

On December 10, 2018, Plaintiff Starellen Carter filed a *pro se* civil complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, alleging violations of the due process clause and of 42 U.S.C. § 12203.

Fed.R.Civ.P. 8(a) requires that a pleading “shall contain...a short and plain statement of the grounds upon which the court’s jurisdiction depends...[and] a short and plain statement of the claim showing that the pleader is entitled to relief.” Ms. Carter’s complaint centers on tickets she received from the City of Ferndale based on allegations that she had unlicensed dogs. Attached to her complaint are exhibits purporting to show that her dog “Chico” was licensed in 2011 and 2012.

Ms. Carter goes on to state that she appeared in Ferndale district court three times. She does not state any dates that she appeared, nor does she indicate the date that she received the tickets. It appears from the complaint that she pled guilty or responsible to the tickets and paid a fine. She also states that on some unnamed date she received a parking ticket. This looks more like a local ordinance case than a federal case. It is unclear how each of the Defendants—the City of Ferndale, the 43<sup>rd</sup> District Court, and

Oakland County—violated a federally protected right.

Therefore, within 21 days of the date of this Order, Ms. Carter must file with the Court a written statement of specifically what each Defendant did to violate her federal rights, and when they did it. Her failure to do so may result in the dismissal of her complaint.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/R. Steven Whalen  
R. STEVEN WHALEN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: December 14, 2018

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify on December 14, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court sending notification of such filing to all counsel registered electronically. I hereby certify that a copy of this paper was mailed to non-registered ECF participants on December 14, 2018.

s/Carolyn Ciesla  
Case Manager to  
Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen